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LETTER DATED 8 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GHANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a copy of Economic Community of West African States resolution A/RES.6/7/95, calling on the United Nations to Maintain its Presence in and Support to Liberia.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) GEORGE O. LAMPTEY
Ambassador and
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Annex

The Authority of heads of State and Government

Mindful of Article 5 of the ECOWAS Treaty establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

Taking note of Resolution 1001 (1995) of 29 June 1995 by which the United Nations Security Council has decided to extend the mandate of UNOMIL to 15 September 1995 subject to the installation of the Council of State, re-establishment of a global and effective cease-fire, creation of an agreed timetable and schedule for the implementation of all aspects of the accords, particularly the disarmament process;

Considering that, under Chapter 8 of the United Nations Charter, primary responsibility for the maintenance of world peace and security devolves upon the United Nations;

Considering that, by participating through ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in the search for a peaceful settlement of the Liberian crisis and making considerable efforts for the purpose, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was merely assisting the United Nations;

Considering that, because the Economic Community of West African States has, on several occasions, solicited assistance from the international community in its efforts to bring the warring factions to accept a cease-fire to provide appropriate incentives for their troops once disarmed;

Considering that, in view of the inability of ECOWAS to obtain the assistance it was entitled to, the prospect of peace returning to Liberia has become more elusive;

Considering that the signing of the Akosombo and Accra Agreements have infused new life into the process and injected a spirit of compromise into the warring factions;

Considering that, although the faction's new attitude is expected to accelerate the peace process, the 15 September 1995 deadline set by the Security Council is too short to permit successful execution of the tasks assigned;

Convinced that withdrawal of the United Nations Military observer mission (UNOMIL) from Liberia at this stage would irreparably compromise all the efforts made so far by ECOMOG and would be catastrophic for all Member States of the subregion;

Appeals to the United Nations Security Council to reconsider the situation in Liberia, taking into account recent initiatives and ongoing actions;

Calls on the Security Council to review its decision 1001 (1995) dated 29 June 1995, irrespective of the stage the Liberian peace process has reached by 15 September 1995;

Renews its appeal to the International Community to provide adequate financial resources to ECOWAS and logistic support to ECOMOG for the restoration of peace to Liberia.

DONE at Accra this 29th day of June 1995.

(Signed) His Excellency Flt-Lt. Jerry John RAWLINGS
Chairman for the Authority